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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTTEL, WE MET WITH FONOFF CSCE
DIRECTOR JOETZE LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 19 TO CONVEY POINTS
ON TERMINAL DATE FOR MAIN MEETING AND THEMES FOR USE
DURING REVIEW OF CBM'S IMPLEMENTATION.
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2. ON THE TERMINAL DATE FOR MAIN MEETING, JOETZE SAID
FRG REP CITRON HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM EARLIER AND
HAD INDICATED THAT THE THREE ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS
WERE BEING SENT TO BONN FOR CONSIDERATION. JOETZE SAID
THIS WAS "NO BIG ISSUE" FOR THE FRG AND THAT THE GERMANS
WERE WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON THE LANGUAGE. HE POINTED

OUT THAT THE NINE WERE NOT UNIFIED ON THIS POINT, REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO A DUTCH FORMULATION FLOATED AMONG THE NINE WHICH READ: "OPTIMUM DURATION WOULD BE OF THREE MONTHS."

3. JOETZE ALSO REFERRED TO THE DUTCH ARGUMENT AGAINST A SPECIFIC TERMINAL DATE SO AS TO PRECLUDE A SOVIET FILIBUSTER. HE SAID THE NINE WERE BASICALLY INTERESTED IN A PACKAGE ARRANGEMENT CONTAINING A FIRM BEGINNING DATE, A FIRM ENDING DATE, AND PROCEDURAL RULES TO PREVENT FILIBUSTERS.

4. JOETZE THEN POINTED OUT SOME OF THE RISKS IN A LONG CONFERENCE. THE ROMANIANS, HE SAID, WOULD TRY TO DRAG IN VARIOUS MILITARY PROPOSALS AND THE MALTESE WOULD WANT TO DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE TIME TO THE MEDITERRANEAN. JOETZE SAID A BAD PRESS ON THE CONFERENCE COULD EASILY DEVELOP IN THE FRG AS IT HAD DONE DURING THE GENEVA PHASE. HE SAID THE OPPOSITION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION TO PILLORY THE GOVERNMENT FOR ENGAGING IN A DIPLOMATIC CHARADE AT BELGRADE RATHER THAN PRESSING FOR A SERIOUS EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS THUS FAR ACHIEVED UNDER THE FINAL ACT.

5. REGARDING CBM THEMES, JOETZE COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT THIS PART OF THE PAPER HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED. HE SAID HE FEARED THAT THE REVIEW OF CBM'S MIGHT OPEN UP THE REST OF BASKET I FOR DETAILED POINT BY POINT CRITICISM IN WHICH THE FRG WOULD COME IN FOR

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ITS SHARE OF ABUSE, E.G., VIOLATIONS OF THE GDR BORDER, THE FRG CITIZENSHIP LAW, VIOLATION OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPLE ON NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

6. IN CONCLUDING THE CONVERSATION, JOETZE THANKED US FOR THE PRESENTATION AND SAID THE FRG WOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO OUR DEMARCHE. (COMMENT: WE WERE LEFT WITH THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRG WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON THE TERMINAL DATE.)

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